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This submission is responsive to the Office Action dated March 4, 2008. A Petition for a One-month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) is submitted herewith, to extend the time for reply through May 5, 2008. No additional fees are believed to be due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-4389 in the name of Novartis Animal Health US, Inc.

Amendment of the Claims is reflected in the complete listing of the claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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